

# STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

## STEWARD, ILLINOIS

### Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 posted for participation.

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Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The board meeting of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 was called to order by President Chris Cardott.

On roll call at 6:00pm, the following members were present:

**Board members present:** Chris Cardott, Dean Svela, Julie Lovett, Chele Wells, Nate Ramsey, Marcy DeLille and Superintendent Steven Simpson

**Board members late:**

**Board members absent:** Joseph Powell

**Visitors:** Jen O'Rorke, Vicki Maertz, Jennifer Kraemer, Leif Erickson, Jeremy Barber, Tom Brown, Maggie Brown, Wes Mellor and Nicole Kedzie

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1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda
  - a. None.

**On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Dean Svela, and a unanimous voice vote, the board moved to move the public comments to the top of the agenda.**

2. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the public.
  - a. See file for public comments.

3. Approval /Correction of Minutes from March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Dean Svela, and a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were accepted as presented.**

4. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

**On a motion by Dean Svela and a second by Chele Wells, and a roll call of all ayes, the bills and financial reports were accepted as presented.**

5. Good News Communication and Report from Administrative Assistant
  - a. Two fundraising events held in the last month for a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student who passed away.
    - i. Dodge ball event raised over \$500.
    - ii. Ace's Acres event, with food and raffles, was very successful.

- b. OCEC provided four extra counselors to be at the school for the kids first day back after learning of the loss of the student.
  - c. Thank you to O'Rorke Construction for coming quickly after a major storm ripped off gutters and fascia on the west side of the building.
  - d. Student Council members are collecting supplies for care packages for men and women in service.
  - e. Thank you to faculty members who have volunteered to be on the committee to hire a new staff member (Mrs. Esposito, Mrs. Aldridge, Mr. & Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Odle).
6. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
- a. A good visit from two women from the Golden Apple who came to interview staff, parents, and students about Mrs. Odle.
  - b. Thank you to Marcy, Nate and Dean for all their years of service on the board.
  - c. Thank you to all the coordinators of the Ace's Acres event.

### **Old Business**

7. Discussion: *Meet & Confer Agreement*
- a. To be tabled to the May meeting.
8. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage.
- a. Lighting project (LED lights in the entire school) is complete.
  - b. Parking lot needs to be recoated. Wyatt Construction will be contacted for this summer.
  - b. Gym Rehabilitation- Short Term/Long Term
    - i. Marcy suggested painting the gym this summer.
    - ii. The water leak needs to be resolved first.
    - iii. New mats will be looked at to be installed this summer.
9. Mission, Vision, Values & Goals (Faculty Review/Contributions in Progress)
- a. To be shared with some of the older students to see what kind of language would be understandable.

### **New Business**

10. Policy Review and Adoption: PRESS Issue 110, 2nd Rdg.  
(for Review & Adoption)- (Sec. 6 New Table of Contents- 7:340)
- a. Recommended to be tabled for the next meeting.

**On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Chele Wells, and a roll call of all ayes, the board approved to table the Policy Review and Adoption to the May board meeting.**

11. Summer/ Seasonal Needs
- a. Mowing Bid Proposal (see file)

**On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Chele Wells, and a roll call of all ayes with Julie Lovett abstaining, the Board accepted the mowing bid from Preferred Services Group for \$150 per mowing.**

- b. Summer help for late May through early August 2023
  - i. To be discussed in Executive Session.

12. Adoption of extension of 2022-23 School Year by one day to compensate for the Feb. 16 Snow Day; Last Day of Student Attendance becomes Thursday, May 25th.

**On a motion by Julie Lovett and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all ayes, the board amended the school calendar by making the last day of student attendance Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, because of the “snow day” on February 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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Executive Session: To consider the appointment, employment, compensation. Discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or individual student matters.

**On a motion by Nate Ramsey and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to move into Executive Session at 6:50pm.**

**On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Dean Svela, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to move out of Executive Session at 10:04pm.**

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13. Action Resulting from Executive Session.

**On a motion by Nate Ramsey and a second by Dean Svela, and unanimous voice vote, the board approved to hire Jeannette Rod as the full-time 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher.**

**On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Julie Lovett, and unanimous voice vote, the board accepted the term resignation of Joseph Powell, Dean Svela, Nate Ramsey and Marcy DeLille and accepted the following people to fill the vacated board positions starting in May, Tom Brown, Jen O’Rorke, Vicky Maertz and Marcy DeLille.**

14. Employment of Summer Help

**On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Dean Svela, and unanimous voice vote, the board approved to hire Calla Stroh as a summer custodian helper.**

15. Announcements

- a. None

**On a motion by Marcy DeLille and a second by Dean Svela, and unanimous voice vote, the board approved to move the May meeting to May 24<sup>th</sup>.**

16. The next meeting will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00pm.

**On a motion by Chele Wells and a second by Nate Ramsey and a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 10:07pm.**

Respectfully submitted:

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Marcy DeLille, Secretary  
Board of Education  
May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Approved by the Board of Education:

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Chris Cardott, President  
Board of Education